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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

York Chocolate Story

On Wednesday, the whole school journeyed to York Chocolate Story for an educational visit to enhance this term's topic 'Chocolate'. The junior children learned all about the history of chocolate, which tied in to our learning about the Ancient Maya Civilisation perfectly. The children also learned about how chocolate is made, before having a go at making their own chocolate lolly. They also went back in time after lunch and made their own 'Xocolatl' [bitter water] before enjoying some delicious hot chocolate. The infants dived into the world of Roald Dahls 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory'. They designed their own patterned chocolate wallpaper, created a new chocolate invention and listened to stories about Mr Wonka! All their behaviour was impeccable and they represented our school wonderfully. Well done everyone! There are some great photos on our facebook page if you search for Egton CE VA Primary School.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival today and a big well done to the children for their lovely presentations. We would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful donations to Whitby Food Bank, these will be much appreciated by the food bank team and their clients.

Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 17th October

Bag2School will be collecting from Egton School Field Shelter on Tuesday 17th October at 9.00am. Thank you so much in advance for your support. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. We have sent some bags home in school bags, but if you have a greater number, please just use a bin bag or other large bag and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Children In Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2023

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for this charity this November. Leaflets have been sent home. If you would like to take part, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Thursday 16th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

Whitby Secondary Partnership Open Evening for Year 5/6s

We have received invitations for Year 5 & 6 to attend Whitby Secondary Partnership Open Evening on Wednesday 25th October at Caedmon site 4.30-6.30pm. We have given these out to children today to bring home.

Calling all past pupils, staff and governors!

In preparation for our 150 year anniversary celebrations this year, we are collecting copies of any photographs and memorabilia for an event later in the year. We would also be interested to receive any documented memories or recollections of times past related to school events. Please do get in touch with us if you have something of interest to share. Thank you.

Stay and Play sessions - Spread the word!

Our next Stay and Play sessions for prospective new starters September 2024 will be on **Wednesday 18th October between 10.30am - 11.30am and Tuesday 14th November 2.00pm-3.00pm**. During the session, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities in our Infant and Early Years class and outdoor area. We will serve refreshments part way through the session so please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements.

If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to give us a ring on 01947 895369 and ask for Mrs Orland or Miss Robertson. For Safeguarding reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a nursery member of staff.

ParentPay

The balances on ParentPay should now be updating on a Friday, so please log on and check the balances on your accounts. If you are having any issues setting up your account, please let Buffy know.

Swimming & Forest School

Next Thursday, 12th October will be our next swimming session. The following Thursday, 19th October will be the next Forest School session for Infants. Please can we remind parents that earrings cannot be worn during sports or swimming.

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the 2023/2024 academic year can be viewed [HERE](#).

Diary Dates

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Half Term	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
Swimming	12/10, 26/10, 16/11, 30/11, 14/12
Forest School	19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
Y5/6 Rugby Training, Whitby Rugby Club	13/10
Y5/6 Tag Rugby, Whitby Rugby Club	19/10
KS2 Cross Country Whitby Sixth Form	27/10
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics	17/11

School Photos	07/12
Parent Consultations - further info to follow	24/10 and 26/10
Christingle Service - St Matthews, Grosmont	7/12 6pm
Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough	13/12
Nativity Carol Service - St Hilda's church Egton	21/12 at 6.30pm

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at Egton on Tuesday and Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Safeguarding Children Telephone Number

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child).

School Dinner Menu

Please find the Autumn Term school menu [HERE](#). Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#)

Healthy Snacks

Children may bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no crisps, cake or chocolate please. Fruit will also be available for any child that would like some.

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYCC website - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council](#).

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

Egton Village Hall

Egton Village Hall is available to hire once again, for Parties and Events. The rates for hire are as follows:

£10ph for hall only plus tea and coffee making facilities
£12ph for a buffet which doesn't require the use of the oven
£15ph for full use of the kitchen.

All booking enquiries should be made by emailing villagehallegton@gmail.com. The bookings secretary will then get back to you.

Music Lesson

We continue to have music lessons provided by the County Music Service at School. Should you wish to take up Instrument lessons, please get in touch with Buffy at School who can arrange this for you. To find out more, please view www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk